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But since our women must walk gay, and money buys their gear, The native born get out their traps for fur this time of year; The golden seal and the ginseng deal, have passed with the summer sun, And the boys with devilish cunning, set traps when their work is done, The steel-trap grim, with triggers trim, now rests beneath the trail; It goes kerplunk! fox, mink or skunk, gives one despairing wail; Then through the bitter winter night; It writhes in fear and pain; It bites the rigid iron jaws, and strains against the chain; The lady dear, could she but hear, and see, and understand That bruised and broken animal, she'd mark the cruel brand, And cast that fur away from her, and purge her bloody hand.

"Here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken." Isaiah 28: 13.

We called on a fur buyer to inquire into the condition of the market, and he produced a trade letter to the effect that the market had never opened with brighter or better prospects. This meant for the trapper, for there are two classes that will suffer this year: that is the unfortunate animal with the valuable natural covering, and the old man.

They have a way of listing northern and southern furs and West Virginia furs which is another way of describing our anomalous condition, as being in the South but not of it. West Virginia fur ranks with the northern fur in value.

Down near the mouth of Knapps Creek, or the foot of Second Street, there is a big limestone boulder in the river around which we have caught many bass. This fall this stone is the headquarters of two active minks. They may be seen there resting on the rock or playing or fishing in the water. The boys in the town are pretty active this fall with their trapping and the musk rats yield is a steady source of income but a mink is beyond the dreams of the average. These minks would make a boy comparatively rich, and they are now being treated to a course of canned salmon in the hopes that they will relax some of their vigilance and permit themselves to be taken in a trap.

We have had a notion for a good many years that trapping would be a good way to renew our youth, and to enjoy the fresh air, and the joy of being in the woods and along the streams, but the difference between a man and a boy is that one dreams while the other steps down before him and takes. Then too there is a possibility that we might take some fatuous, fat-headed animal, and have a bloody encounter with it, and a damp, moist unpleasant body to skin and bury, and we feel sure that there would be no fun in that. And then too there is the aroma that the trapper carries with him, a substantial thing that can be peeled off and set upon the mantel-piece.

The fur list quotes polar bear pelts at from \$100 to \$150 and that is enough to discourage the pursuit of that dangerous beast. Think of hiking to the Arctic circle and bagging a bear and packing its hide home and selling it for \$150, and it would be just in keeping with our rotten luck to get the dollar and half kind of a bear.

Ginseng had a good season this year. Wild roots ranged as high as \$12.50 a pound while cultivated brought at low as \$4.00. They say that the cultivated plant grows too big roots and that the ginseng flavor is not as strong as that which grows wild, and that brings up the eternal question of what the quality is in ginseng that procures for it a market. They say that the Chinese find that it renews youth for old men, but that cannot be so, for there would none of it be wasted on the Chinese we assure you, for the old grey wolves of America would corner the market. But the high value of furs is just as arbitrary and senseless a thing. They are used to frame pretty faces, and some that are not so pretty—sweets to the sweet, and minks to the minx.

The ginseng trade has worked devastation to a useless and harmless plant, but the fur trade has done a world of good in that the animals which are covered with fur are nearly all of them outlaws and harmful to man and would be killed for their crimes even if they did not yield much money for their coats. Of course it is recognized that in the barbarous tribes of the far north that formerly the fur bearing animals furnished necessary clothing, but since the furs have become an article of commerce with warmer countries where they are used for fashion, ornament, and luxury, they are too valuable to cover the skins of the

greasy Esquimo. It is to laugh, to think of the fashion that the fur dealers put over last summer in making it the thing to wear furs in summer time, and there are plenty of women who are ready to go on the stand and swear that furs will keep you cool in the summer and warm in the winter. There is food for thought, however, in the fact that the year 1917 will be long known as the year without a summer when there were only ninety-five days between frost and frost, and when the women wore furs for twelve solid months.

The supply and demand for furs in earliest times led to such severe competition that furs have been the subject of wars, and with furs kings have been redeemed, and are only excelled by diamonds and other precious stones as valuable presents such as pass between monarchs.

The most valuable fur quoted is that of the black fox which brings \$750.00 a pelt. This is a very glossy black hide the size of an ordinary red fox. It is now believed that the black fox is but a sport, that is to vary suddenly and spontaneously from the normal type. A common example in this country is the black squirrel which is but a sport among grey squirrels. If this be the case a black fox is possible to be produced in this country at any time, and there is no doubt that the traditions that they have been killed here are true.

Probably the most successful venture in fur raising on a large scale was the economic method of domesticating animals so that and the end of the winter, their coats were carefully removed and sold, which resulted in added comfort for the animal. Cases have been known where the same animal yielded an annual return for as many as a dozen successive years. This of course caused the industry to grow to enormous proportions and to render the product reasonable in price. Of course the list of animals in which this is done, the most common is the sheep.

The season starts off with the following prices for the more common furs:

Bear	\$15.00
Wild cat	2.50
Otter	15.00
Mink	7.50
Skunk	3.75
Muskkrat	.75
Opossum	1.20
Raccoon	3.25
Red Fox	10.00
Gray Fox	2.75
House cat	.50
Civet cat	.50
Polar bear	100.00
Black fox	750.00
Silver fox	500.00
Blue fox	150.00
Weasel	.10

The above figures are from a printed list and the prices realized depend upon the condition of the fur, and the shrewdness of the trapper and the trader respectively. That trade being made, then the unsuspecting consumer gets his. When Greek joins with Greek, then comes the tug of war.

Years ago when the Cranberry country was an unbroken wilderness we went to the Forks to catch trout and there was a trapper's cabin indicating that the preceding winter a trapper had made his winter home there. It was about the size of a pig pen. It was strongly built of logs and was about eight by five feet. The floor was about waist high from the ground and the only room was a rectangular space about the size of a bed and from floor to ceiling might have been about four feet. A small window enabled the trapper to crawl into the hut where he could lie down or sit, but could not stand up. The chinks in the logs were filled with moss, and it could be seen that it was a warm place to sleep. It looked too much like a vault or sepulcher to please most of us. But two of the boys decided that it was a good place to sleep and moved their bedding into it, but while they were twisting around to make themselves comfortable, they disturbed a good sized snake that was making its summer home in the camp. That gave them a distaste for sleeping in that constricted, narrow cell, and they came back to the tent.

The trapper evidently cooked and ate in the open and laid up in his hut at night and when it rained. It is by no means common to find a man who can endure his own company long enough to make a solitary trapper. In this country the considerable supply of furs that forms such a substantial part of the income is supplied as a side issue, for it would be a mighty worthless, no-account person that would not know enough to strip a hide from the carcass of a fur bearing animal and let it season in a cool dry place. The parcel post makes a specialty of transporting furs to the market and has added a good deal to the trade.

Times have changed. The necessities of life now form a list that would fill a page of this paper. Our

city is named for a trapper who made his camp here at the mouth of the creek. All he demanded of the outside world was gunpowder, steel-traps and salt. Otherwise he was independent of the markets of the world.

We have seen the day at our house when we could and would invest in a side of bacon, or even a ham, without toting up the items that constitute the family fortune. But never, no more. We have become expert in the practice of economy and an expenditure of that kind is one that calls for a family council. Opulent farmers come to town with grub and offer to part with a few ounces like the miners used to bring their gold dust in. We have found a way to deal with them. If they come to us we send them to the wife, and the wife sends them back to us, and while the deal goes on, the farmer gets tired of the traffic while we have all the excitement of trading without being impoverished by it.

The local J. Wesley Keats got hold of a extra good Virginia cured ham the other day that he offered to convey away for one third cash, the residue in two equal payments falling due in six and twelve months respectively, bond with good security, a vendor's lien to be retained as ultimate security. It seemed like a good investment, but after a time we decided that it might not be a good thing to go into debt, and that we had better wait until we were ready to pay cash.

Everybody take notice that a new rule in regard to the parcel post will go into effect December 1, that effects large parcels. If the postage on a parcel amounts to 25 cents, there must be affixed to that parcel in addition to the postage stamps a revenue stamp of one cent and so on for each additional 25 cent postage, or fractional part thereof. If the postage is 25 cents, 1 cent revenue stamp. If 30 cents, 2 cents in revenue stamps. If 51 cents, then 3 cents in revenue stamps. The three cent first class postage went into effect last week and very few mistakes were made. Two cents for a postal card and the same for a drop letter addressed to the office at which mailed. Three cents for a letter addressed to any other office.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson figures out that it takes upwards of three tons of metal to kill a man in this war. The old rule was that it took his weight in lead. About five per cent of the soldiers of the army have been killed since the war began.

Lost: A hunter's license for the current year. The finder will please leave at this office and receive suitable reward. A large, five cent cigar or something equally as valuable.

Lloyd Mffin writes of the mountain laurel:

"Search all the gardens, every reedy fen, Upland and meadow where wild nature teems, The tangled thicket where the torrent gleams In thunderous foam down the forest glen, And thou shalt find no flowering denizen Equal our Kalmia, robed in rosiest white, Whose beauty is a pang of pure delight, Touching through loveliness, the hearts of men."

Unfading laurel! Symbol of our hopes, Immortal dryad of the greenwood gloom Long mayst thou haunt these Appalachian slopes And be our sovereign State's resplendent flower, Beauteous as morning in thy roseate bloom, Strong as our mountains in enduring power."

The Local Board of Pocahontas county examined 383 men to obtain its quota of 148 in the first call for service.

Total number exempted for physical reasons, 51
Total number exempted, aliens not Germans, 38
Total number discharged for dependency, 115
The cause of those exempted for physical reasons was as follows:
Tuberculosis of lungs 3
Oraehoma none
Syphilis none
Hernia 9
Hemorrhoids none
Flat foot 2
Heart trouble 7
Golter 2
Varicosity 1
Curvature of spine 1
St. Vitus Dance 1
Kidney trouble 1
Blind 1
Result of injury 23
Total 51

AFTER THREE YEARS

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John G. Bessling, Tenth Ave. Marlinton, gave the following account of his experience on May 10, 1913: "A year or so ago I was troubled with my kidneys and back. I had sharp pains through my loins and they kept me awake at night. When I got up in the morning, I felt all tired out. My kidneys didn't act regularly, so I began to use Doan's Kidney Pills. In a short time, my kidneys acted regularly and I was cured of the backaches."

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Notice of Trust Sale

By virtue of a deed of trust dated on the 9th day of October, 1917, made by Farris Hamed and wife to the undersigned as trustees for the benefit of all the creditors of said Farris Hamed, and recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in trust deed book No. 10, at page 280, we will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on

Wednesday, November 14, 1917,

commencing at 9 o'clock a. m., on the premises hereinafter described at Cass, West Virginia, the following real estate:

First: A one-half undivided interest in that certain lot situate in the town of Cass, in said County, and being the same lot upon which a large two story store room is located and being the same lot purchased by said Farris Hamed from E. D. Burner, Trustee, by deed recorded in deed book 52 at page 436.

Second. That certain lots, piece or parcel of lands adjoining the above described lot, and being the same land purchased by said Farris Hamed from E. D. Burner, Trustee, on the 12th day of October, 1915, and recorded in deed book 53 at page 38, upon which said land is located a large barn.

Third. All the stock of general merchandise in said store room, consisting of dry goods, notions, clothing, hats, caps, shoes, hardware, groceries and store fixtures.

All of the above described real estate and merchandise will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on day of sale.

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Should we not receive an acceptable bid for the said merchandise, then the same will be closed out at auction sale until the same is completed.

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J. R. CRICKARD, Valley Head, W. Va.

Lost Cow

A red cow with white face, 5 or 6 years old dehorned, mark in ear, left my place near Hillsboro on Monday, September 24. Any information will be gladly received.

P. H. McNULTY, Hillsboro, W. Va.

Barrels for Sale

A lot of good barrels, suitable for shipping apples, potatoes, etc. for sale at a reasonable price.

S. N. HENCH, Supt. Marlinton, W. Va.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned special agent of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, will on the 6th day of November, 1917, apply to the judge of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for a renewal of his pistol license. This 22nd of October, 1917.

PARIS D. YEAGER, Marlinton, W. Va.

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